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(d) Mr. R. Padmappa was exempted by Government from the provisions of Article I of the Public Service Notification.

(e) The exemption was granted as, in the opinion of the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Padmappa was best fitted for promotion and was otherwise qualified for the post.

(f) The Inspector-General of Police reported that there was a great dearth of good Kanarese Sub-Inspectors fit for promotion to Inspector's rank.

(g) The Government have no information.

(h) The Government do not propose to cancel the order of exemption.

Alleged irregular conduct of Police in Kistna.

1786 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a representation from one A. Somayya about the alleged neglect of the police authorities to make enquiries on his petition into the alleged irregular conduct of the Deputy Superintendent of Police and other police officers in the Kistna district;

(b) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the strictures passed by the High Court in their judgment in the criminal appeals Nos. 593, etc., of 1927 (called the Guntur counterfeit case) on the same Deputy Superintendent of Police and other police officers; and

(c) what action has been taken against the police officers in question?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Charges were framed against the officers concerned and their explanations taken. These are under consideration.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary laid on the table copies [a] of G.O. No. 962, L. & M., dated 29th February 1928, reviewing the annual consolidated audit report on the accounts of local bodies for 1926-27.

III

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1928-29.

DEMAND XVI—PORTS AND PILOTAGE.

* The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor I beg to move

'*that a sum not exceeding Rs. ·33 lakh be granted to the Government under Demand No. XVI—Ports and Pilotage.*'"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question is that Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 33,000 under Demand XVI—Ports and Pilotage."

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